



UPCOMING EVENTS AT BEAR TRAIL

2025 MEMBER MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

All members should have received an email from Kyle in regards to this year's Match Play Championship. In order to sign up for the event please follow the golf genius link that was sent to your email. The link is

<https://golfhub.golfgenius.com/events/98ebe76e-0740-43fe-9786-9c82f7e5c0e3>

- *Matches are broken down into brackets by handicap to make matches competitive*
- *Single Elimination*
- *Winner receives Merchandise Winnings, Trophy, and Parking Spot.*
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MAY 17TH - 18TH

2 - Person Team Event

Must be a Member of Bear Trail Golf Club

Information & Sign Up is on QR Code

For more information and to register, scan the QR code

- *All members should have received an email from Kyle. You will need to register for the event through Golf Genius at the following link:*

<https://golghub.golfgenius.com/events/da5094cc-ea69-4ec0-b177-54b56e2c3922>

- *\$100 Cash per player (\$103.09 if using a card)*
- *Deadline to register is May 14th*
- *Must have verifiable GHIN Handicap to participate*
- *Drinks/Beer and lunch served each day*
- *Saturday May 17th – 9:00 Shotgun, 9 holes Captain’s Choice, 9 Holes Stroke Play*
- *Sunday May 18th – 9:00 Shotgun, 9 holes Texas Scamble, 9 hole Modified Chapman*
- *Optional Calcutta - \$200 per team to enter (Cash Only)*

BTGA 2-PERSON 6-6-6 – SATURDAY MAY 31ST

The next BTGA event will be Saturday, May 31st and will be a 2 Person 6-6-6 event. Holes 1 – 6 will be a Best Ball Format, Holes 7 – 12 will be an Alternate Shot Format, and Holes 13 – 18 will be a Scramble Format.



The Bear Trail Golf Association (BTGA) is exclusive to Bear Trail Golf Club MEMBERS ONLY. Members pay dues to join the association and essentially it gets them into 8 events throughout the year and based on how you play in those events you can qualify for the year end King of the Hill tournament. If you have not yet joined the BTGA and you are a member, you can do so at any time. Just follow the below link to register through golf genius and then you will receive an invite to sign up for the next event. Through the first 2 events we have given out **\$2,130** in cash prizes.

<https://golfhub.golfgenius.com/events/d5b1681d-b54d-4316-a440-1266821e5f64>

You can copy and paste the above link, or you can use the camera on your smart phone to scan the QR code that will take you to Golf Genius as well.



The remaining schedule for the BTGA this year is as follows:

May 31st - 2-Person 6-6-6

June 21st - 2-Person Texas Scramble

July 19th - Flag Tournament

August 17th - 2-Person Cumulative

September 27th - 2-Person Modified Chapman

October 4th - 2-Person Modified Scramble

Date TBD - King of the Hill (must qualify)

If you have any questions about the BTGA please feel free to contact me, **B.J. Seifrit**, at **717-424-6438** or at

[**btleagues@beartrailgolf.com**](mailto:btleagues@beartrailgolf.com)

BLITZ POINTS LEAGUE – EVERY THURSDAY (9 HOLES)

Every Thursday there is a 9-hole league for Bear Trail Members and Non-Members. You can play anytime on Thursdays between the time that the pro shop opens and when it closes at 6:00 PM, ***as long as you play with at least one other member of the league.*** There is a list of league members in the pro shop each week that has everyone's assigned points they need to get that week and you will need to check in and pay \$10 to get into the game before you play your 9-hole round (cart fees and greens fees still apply).

To get into the league there is an initial one-time dues payment required of \$25. Once you have paid your dues, it is \$10 each week to get into the game which goes towards payouts for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places for the individuals that score the most points over their assigned points and towards skins. The points/quota that you are assigned is initially based on your handicap but then will be adjusted weekly based on your last 3 weeks of play in the league.

Scoring for the league is as follows:

- Double Bogey – 0 Points
- Bogey – 1 Point
- Par – 2 Points
- Birdie – 4 Points
- Eagle – 8 points

So far this year we have been averaging between 22 to 30 players each week and since the league started on March 13th, we have given out almost **\$1,500** in cash prizes.

Payouts are given to winners every week, typically by the weekend following the

Thursday of league play. \$25 dues payments are used to purchase the championship belt that goes to the yearlong money leader, a cash prize for the sandbagger of the year (awarded to the individual that got the most total points over their assigned points), and for food at the yearend event.

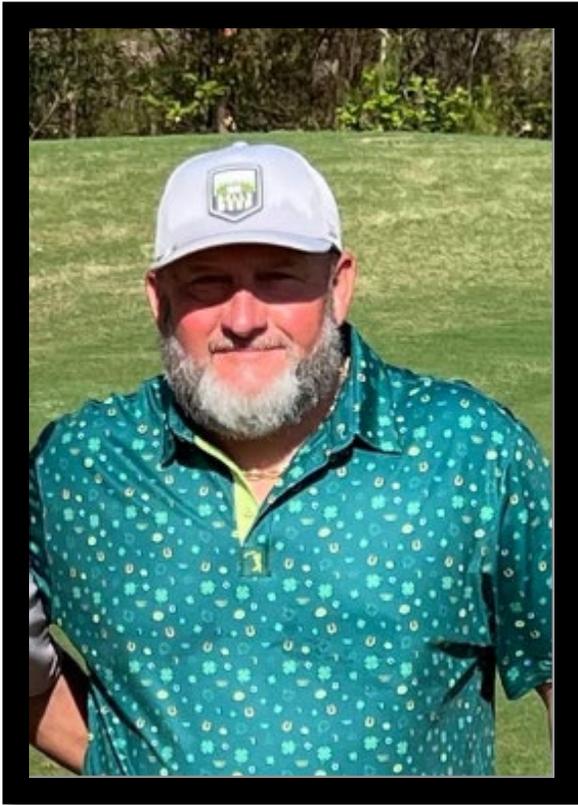
There are currently sign-up sheets in the Pro Shop that you will need to fill out before you play so I can determine what everyone's initial points will be based on their handicaps. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me, B.J. Seifrit, at bleagues@beartrailgolf.com or 717-424-6438.

GHIN HANDICAP DUES - \$30

If you use the USGA GHIN (Golf Handicap and Information Network) system to track your handicap this is a friendly reminder that the \$30 dues were due by March 31st. If you noticed, you no longer have access, you may have forgotten to pay your dues. If you want to register for the GHIN to start a handicap through Bear Trail, please contact Kyle Simpson or the Pro Shop Associate at the front counter should be able to assist in getting you registered.

Everyone that is participating in Bear Trail Events, the BTGA, and the Thursday League, should be registering for a GHIN handicap.

MEMBER OF THE MONTH



1. Name: **Chris Young AKA
“Crybaby”**

2. Handicap: **6.3**

3. How long have you been a member at Bear Trail?

Joined back in 2009, was a member for 7 or 8 years, left for a few years then came back in 2023

4. What is your favorite thing about Bear Trail?

The camaraderie among the members along with the constant trash talk from my fellow golfers.

5. What is your favorite golf memory?

I don't really have a favorite but when Doug was the acting Pro, he held an in club competition called the Golf Challenge. It was fun.

6. How would you describe your golf game?

Confusing and Complicated

7. What would you say is a strength in your game?

Short game is the only thing that keeps me from shooting 100.

8. What would you say is a weakness in your game?

The capability of knowing which person is going to show up each day and I tend to get overly mechanical mentally.

9. Do you have a hole in one? Where? What Hole?

Yes. Hole #4 at JCC. 204 yards.

10. What was your lowest score?

71 at Bear Trail

11. What is your dream foursome?

Dustin Johnson, Tiger Woods, Bryson DeChambeau, and Scottie Scheffler

12. Who is your all-time favorite golfer?

When I was younger it was “The Shark” Greg Norman. I now favor Bryson DeChambeau because his golf game is as complicated as mine.

It makes me feel good to know I'm not alone with all the craziness. If I only had Bryson's game to go along with my craziness.

13. What is your favorite golf course that you have played?

Sage Valley. It is a must play if you have not played it yet.

14. What is the course you have yet to play that is on your Bucket List?

The Payne's Valley courses

15. Have you attended any PGA Tour Events?

I attended 3 events. 2 US Opens at Pinehurst and The Master's (practice round, Par 3 Tournament, and First Round)

16. What PGA Tour Event would you most like to attend?

The Players

17. What is your biggest pet peeve when it comes to golf?

As a paying member there is a level of expectation placed on us for care for the golf course and facilities and watching public/non-member play not respect or take the same care for the course and facilities is frustrating.

18. What is your drink of choice during or after your round?

Water, Beer, and the occasional or frequent nip of moonshine. Cheers!

THE MASTERS



Watching Rory at the Masters this year and the back and forth of "He is Choking!" then "He is Gonna Win it!" then "What a Terrible Shot!" then "What an Incredible Shot!" sent me down a rabbit hole looking into some of the worst collapses in Master's history. Here are some good ones:

ROBERT DEVICENZO - 1968

The Argentinian, DeVicenzo shot a 65 on Sunday that should have put him in a playoff against Bob Goalby. However, DeVicenzo signed an incorrect scorecard after failing to notice that his playing partner Tommy Armour wrote down a 4 on the 17th hole when in fact DeVicenzo had made a 3. The rule when this happens is that when a higher score is signed for, the higher score stands, therefore keeping DeVicenzo out of a playoff by one stroke. When asked about the error he said, "What a stupid I am to be wrong here."



GREG NORMAN – 1986

Greg Norman led all four majors that year and only came away with the British Open win. Norman needed a par on the 18th hole to force a playoff with Jack Nicklaus but blocked a 4-iron right of the green and was unable to get up and down making a bogey. Everyone forgets this was another year that he had a chance to win the Masters but it was Jack Nicklaus that shot a final round 65 with an iconic Eagle-Birdie-Birdie stretch from 15-17, to win it.



KEN VENTURI - 1956

As an amateur, Ken Venturi had a 4-shot lead going into Sunday. He hit 15 greens in regulation in the final round and 3 putted 6 times and shot 80, losing to eventual winner, Jackie Burke Jr by one stroke. (Venturi is pictured on the far left)



JORDAN SPIETH - 2016

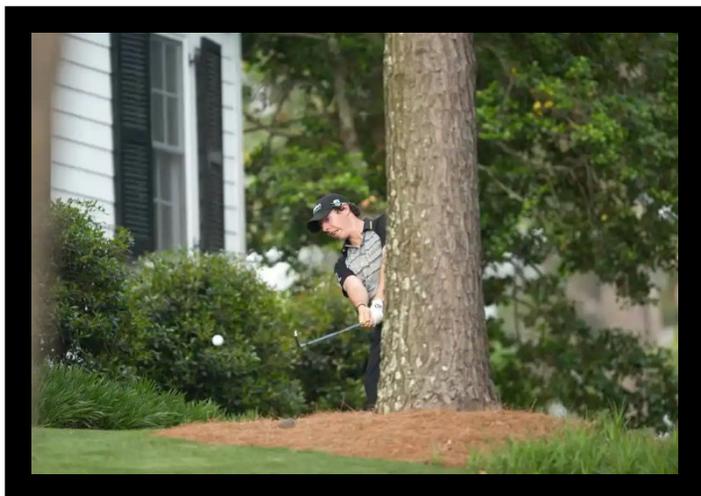
Jordan Spieth led the 2015 and 2016 Masters wire to almost wire until he got to the back 9 on Sunday in 2016. He led by 5 when he got to the back 9, then proceeded to make bogeys on 10 and 11. Then came the catastrophe on the 12th. First tee shot on the infamous par 3 went into the water. Then he proceeded to lay the sod over his next shot, hitting it into the water again and finished with a disastrous quadruple bogey and was unable to right the ship as Danny Willet went on to win that year.



RORY MCILROY - 2011

Prior to winning the Masters this year, Rory was best known for his collapse in 2011. Rory hit a duck hook on Hole 10 that took viewers of the Masters to the doorsteps of the guest cabins that you rarely get to see on TV. Rory made a triple-bogey on 10, backed it up with a bogey on the 11th, followed by a 4-putt double-bogey on the

par 3 12th. He started that Sunday with a 4-shot lead and after shooting 80 that day, he finished 15th. Charl Schwartzel was the eventual winner that year.



ED SNEED – 1979

Sneed teed off on Sunday with a 5-shot lead and maintained a 3-shot lead through 15 holes. He 3-putted for a bogey on 16, seared the edge with a short par putt on 17 making another bogey, and then left a par putt on 18 just teetering on the lip for a 3rd consecutive bogey which put him in a playoff against Fuzzy Zoeller and Tom Watson. Fuzzy Zoeller made a birdie on the second hole of sudden death to win it.



SCOTT HOCH - 1989

Facing a 2-foot putt on 10 that would have sealed a playoff win against Nick Faldo, Hoch drew back his putter and then hit a putt that didn't even sniff the hole. The shocking miss gave life to Nick Faldo, who made a birdie on the par 4 11th hole to win the playoff and the Masters.



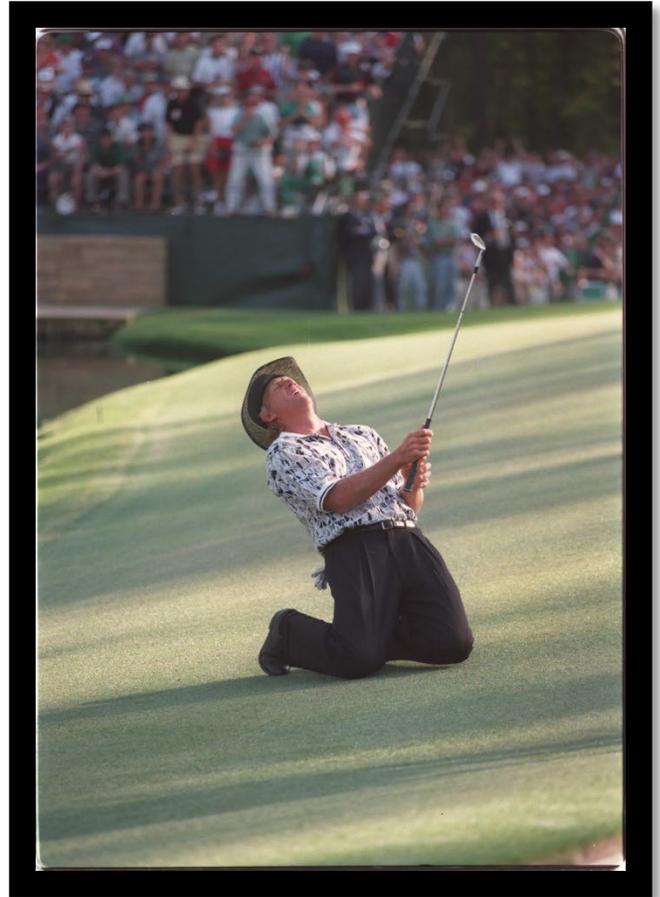
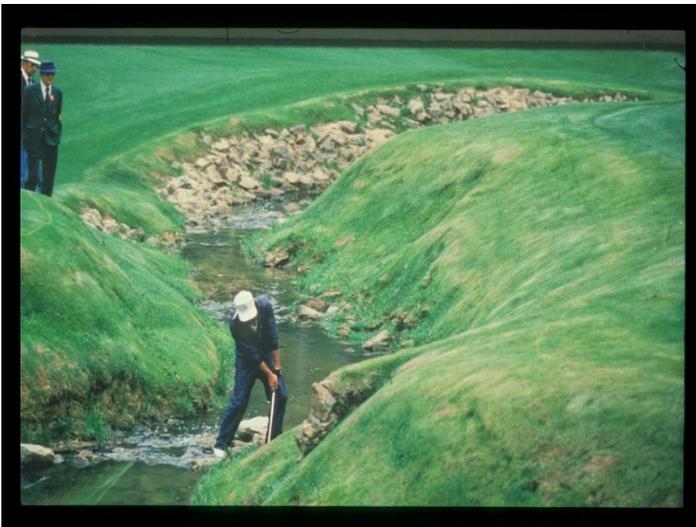
KENNY PERRY - 2009

Up by 2 with 2 holes to play, Kenny Perry essentially had 1 arm in the green jacket. Over the next 4 holes, including 2 holes in sudden death, Perry missed the green with short iron approaches, to include a bladed chip on 17, which allowed Angel Cabrera to win the tournament. After the loss, Kenny Perry said, "It just seems like when I get down to those deals, I can't seem to execute. Great players make it happen, and your average players don't."



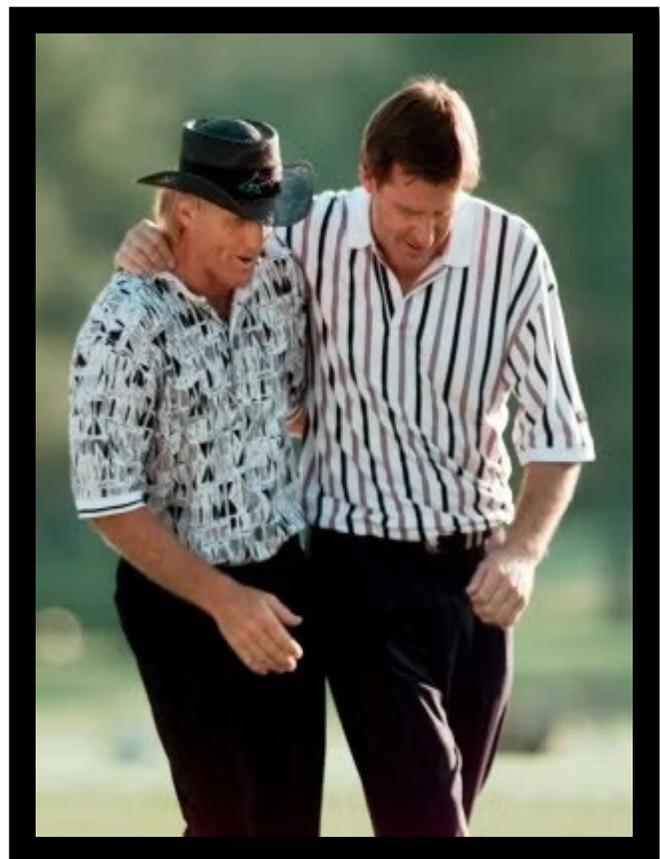
CURTIS STRANGE – 1985

On Thursday, Curtis Strange shot an opening round 80 but then found his swing and was leading the tournament by 2 going into the final round on Sunday. Thinking birdie on the reachable par 5 13th, Strange hit his 4-wood approach into Rae's Creek and actually hit it out of the water on his 3rd shot eventually making a bogey. He then made another bogey on the par 5 15th hole after hitting it into the water which let the door open for Bernard Langer to win it.



GREG NORMAN - 1996

Probably the most well-known collapse at the Masters was Greg Norman in 1996. Norman teed off on Sunday with a 6-shot lead over Nick Faldo. But a round that should have played out as the crowning achievement of Norman's incredible career, morphed quickly and painfully into a funeral march. After he made 3 straight bogeys on holes 9 through 11, Norman's lead had vanished. Norman hit the ball in the water on 12 and it became dead man walking at that point as he finished his round with a 78 and Nick Faldo went on to win another green jacket.



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